the part of the printed answer which relates to Public Prosecutors.

Mr. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Will applications be called for when future vacancies arise ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—That is not necessary. Applications come without having to be called for.

Mr. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—How is it possible for all the intending candidates to know that a vacancy has arisen ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—They are applying and seem to know as a matter of fact.

Mr. KHAJI SYED YUSUFF SAHIB.—Will the Government be pleased to appoint at least some qualified Mussalmans as Public Prosecutors in the near future ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—That suggestion is noted.

Mr. A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Just as Government maintain a list of men eligible for appointment as Munsiffs, will they be pleased to consider the desirability of preparing a list of men eligible for appointment as Public Prosecutors ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Government see no necessity for such a list.

Atchkat under Belluti Tank.

Q.—16. Mr. BANDI NARANAPPA (Sidlaghatta Taluk).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the *atchkat* under Belluti Tank in Sidlaghatta Taluk according to villages ;

(*b*) the extent of land of each village converted from wet into dry in the year 1936-37 ;

(*c*) whether Government are aware that the wet lands are being cultivated with dry crops from a long time for several reasons ;

(*d*) whether petitions have been received from the raiyats in regard to the levy of dry rate for such lands ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavalengar).—

(*a*) *Name of village.*		*Extent.* A.	G.
1. Bhaktharahalli	...	217	8
2. Belluti	...	158	28
3. Chowdasandra	...	150	21
4. Hithalahalli	...	2	8
Total	...	528	25

(*b*) *Name of village.*		*Extent.* A.	G.
1. Bhaktharahalli	...	50	10
2. Chowdasandra	...	78	26
3. Belluti	...	55	13
Total	...	184	9

(*c*) Some lands which are on a higher level than the channels are being cultivated with dry crops.

(*d*) Some raiyats have presented a petition for the conversion of certain lands into dry.

Middle Schools.

Q.—18. Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHI ACHAR (Mulbagal Taluk).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of middle schools in Mysore State ;

(*b*) how many of them are Government and how many Aided ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

(*a*) There are 330 middle schools in the State.

(*b*) Of these, 286 schools are Government schools, 35 are aided schools, and the remaining 9 schools are unaided, but recognised institutions.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—As the number of middle schools is very small, will the Government be pleased to establish some more schools in the coming year ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—As far as possible, more schools are being opened.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—Are the Government aware that most of the existing schools lack even the most elementary articles of equipment like maps, etc.. ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No. Most of the schools have the minimum equipment necessary, but Government are aware that equipment needs improvement.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Out of the 330 middle schools which exist at present, how many are situated in rural areas?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Within the past 10 years how many new middle schools have been started?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The number has increased largely; I cannot give the exact number off-hand.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that there are no middle schools at all in some hoblis?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Yes.

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina S. P. Rajagopalachari).—During our tours we have been receiving representations for increasing the number of middle schools, and we have been providing funds for the purpose to the extent possible.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—How many new schools can be opened with the help of the extra Rs. 12,000 provided in the budget for next year?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—If more money becomes available, more will be provided.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Is the sum of Rs. 12,000 provided in the budget meant for increasing the number of middle schools or for increasing the number of teachers.

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—That is meant for increasing the number of schools.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Have Government taken any decision that in future a fixed number of new schools ought to be opened each year?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—No. The number to be opened in any year depends upon the budget position of that particular year.

Mr. V. VENKATASAMI CHETTY.—Incomplete middle schools in several interior parts of the State have been abolished. And the number of complete middle schools existing at present are both few and far between. In Kolar District particularly, want of accommodation in middle schools is felt very keenly. Will the Government be therefore pleased to see that at least one incomplete middle school is opened in each hobli?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—We will consider whether the number of middle schools in the Kolar District can be increased in the near future.

Swearing in of Members.

The following members then made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and took their seats:—

1. Mr. R Sutramdas, C. and M. Station, Bangalore.
2. Mr. S. Kariappa, Kankanhalli.
3. Mr. B. Sitaramiah, Hiriyur.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—BILLS—*concld.*

III. General Principles of the Bill to amend the Mysore Town Municipalities Regulation, 1933—*concld.*

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA, in opposing the measure, observed that it sought to cut at the very root of the principle of local self-government. The Town Municipalities Regulation had been in force for a long number of years and in their reviews on the administration reports, the Government themselves had acknowledged the good work done by many of the self-governing institutions and had also recorded their appreciation of the progress shown by them. For some time past more and more of educated and experienced men were coming forward to participate in the work of municipal councils. Under such circumstances, it was the duty of Government to induce such men to continue to take interest in municipal affairs. There was no reason for the Government to think that municipal councils or non-official Presidents thereof would defy the authority of Government in regard to the appointment of proper men as Chief Officers. So long as municipalities were called self-governing institutions, it was but right